The works in hand under Yamuna Action Plan at Delhi are the remaining works of Community Toilet Complexes, Mini Sewage Treatment Plans, (4 nos.), Micro Sewage Treatment Plants (10 nos.) and public participation & public awareness programme. Future plan will depend upon the availability of funds and financial assistance from JBIC.

SC deadline on river pollution

†4713. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are cautious and are making efforts to check pollution, following the order issued by the Supreme Court, wherein a time-limit has been fixed to check industrial pollution in rivers by 2005;

(b) if so, the details of achievements made, so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHR T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Government is making efforts for the control of industrial pollution along the rivers in the country. The major step taken for this purpose include: (i) identification of and action against 851 defaulting industries located along the rivers and lakes and (ii) surprise inspections of polluting industries to ensure regular operation of the Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs). A total of 2169 surprise inspections have been made by the Environment Surveillance Squads of the Central Pollution Control Board and State Pollution Control Board/Committees. As a result, out of 851 defaulter industries, 608 have provided ETPs, 238 are closed and action has been taken against the five defaulting units.

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